Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The mission of the National Day of the Cowboy organization is to contribute to the preservation of America's Cowboy heritage so the history and culture they honor can be shared and perpetuated for the public good through education, the arts, celebrations, gatherings, rodeos and community activities; and,

Whereas, In 2005, the U.S. Congress passed Senate Resolution 138 designating the fourth Saturday in July as National Day of the American Cowboy to pay homage to our cowboy and Western heritage, as well as to honor working cowboys and cowgirls, rodeo athletes, Western musicians, cowboy poets, Western artists, ranchers and all others who care to contribute to the cowboy and Western culture in America; and,

Whereas, The ranching and cowboy community has represented the cornerstone of South Dakota's economy since the earliest days of Dakota Territory, and continues to play a leading role in the culture and economy of the state; and,

Whereas, The oral, written and visual history and contemporary stories of cowboy and Western culture are a valued educational resource, art form and sport in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is the home to those pioneering men and women, recognized as cowboys and, who helped establish the American West and remain American icons:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 28, 2007, as

NATIONAL DAY OF THE AMERICAN COWBOY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State